



VISION: Eau Claire is a vibrant city with exceptional quality of life and services.

MISSION STATEMENT: It is our mission to assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community.

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City Manager

City Offices Closed November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving Holiday

City Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday (November 26) and Friday (November 27).

There will be no bus service on Thursday, November 26. Bus service will be as usual on Friday, November 27.

The L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. The Library will resume regular hours on Friday, November 27.



City Attorney's Office

Leadership Eau Claire Law and Government Day

The City welcomed the Leadership Eau Claire class of 2016 during Law and Government Day held on November 19. Leadership Eau Claire is sponsored by the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce and provides local business and community leaders an opportunity to learn more about Eau Claire and what makes it work. During Government and Law Day the class heard from keynote speaker Police Chief Jerry Staniszewski, learned about various offices and functions at the Eau Claire County Courthouse, and participated in a criminal sentencing exercise led by Circuit Court Judge William Gabler. A brisk walk across the Chippewa River and past the many new or under-construction development projects in downtown Eau Claire brought them to lunch at the Library. They were then welcomed to City Hall by City Council President Kerry Kincaid and City Manager Russ Van Gompel. While at City Hall, they learned about the Finance, Human Resources, Fire, Community Development, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works Departments. Then the class enjoyed an Eau Claire Transit bus ride to the Wastewater Treatment Facility where they toured the upgraded facility and finally finished the busy day with a tour of the recently-remodeled Joint (City and County) Law Enforcement Center.

Government and Law Day was co-chaired again this year by City Attorney Stephen Nick. Many thanks to fellow co-chair Chris Seelen and to the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce for making it possible for groups of local citizens to learn more about local government, the circuit courts, and the many other aspects of our local community that work together to make Eau Claire a great place to live.

Community Development

Kurz Industrial Solutions

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held November 17, 2015 to welcome Kurz Industrial Solutions to Eau Claire. The 97-year-old company recently completed construction of an approximately 20,000 sq. ft. facility in the Gateway Industrial Park. The new building, inventory and equipment made it a \$4 million project for our community. Kurz will start out employing nine people with plans to double that over the next three years. City Council President Kerry Kincaid led a list of local officials in thanking the company for choosing Eau Claire.

Block 7 Proposal from Moeding Partners

Geoff Moeding of Moeding Partners made a presentation to the Redevelopment Authority to purchase Block 7 and construct four new buildings. Mr. Moeding would like to purchase the land from the RDA and begin construction of the first building as soon as the City finishes the 4-story parking ramp adjacent to Block 7, anticipated to be October 2016.

The proposal calls for two mixed-use buildings facing North Barstow Street that would have live-work features and two residential buildings fronting Wisconsin and Galloway Streets.

The Redevelopment Authority directed Mike Schatz, RDA Executive Director, to negotiate the terms and conditions of a potential sale of Block 7 to Moeding Partners and to ensure that the City Council receives the RDA's recommendation on any potential project incentives.



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Let it Glow!

Join Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. in Phoenix Park for the second annual tree lighting ceremony! Visit with Elsa, plus participate in other fun family activities, including a medallion hunt!

Where: Phoenix Park
When: Friday, December 4th
Time: 5:30 p.m.

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DECI PRESENTS

Christmastime in the City

Downtown Eau Claire

Saturday, December 5th
12:00 - 5:00 pm
Parking lot across from the Children's Museum

Schedule of Events

12:00 - 3:00 pm	Lunch with Santa Claus, Crafts, & Cookie Decorating
1:00 - 4:30 pm	Visit Santa's Reindeer
1:00 - 3:30 pm	Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides
4:00 - 4:30 pm	EC Memorial Madrigal Singers
4:30 pm	Christmas Tree Lighting
All Day	Holiday Shopping and more!

Thank you Sponsors!



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Fire & Rescue

Firefighters' Community Charity – Operation Warm

On November 20 at Locust Lane Elementary, children from low-income families were outfitted with brand new winter coats thanks to the Eau Claire Firefighters' Community Charity. Firefighters partnered with Operation Warm – a national, non-profit organization that has provided new coats to 1.5 million children in need. Firefighters raised funds in order to personally fit each child, help select their favorite color, and write their name in the interior tag of their new coat that reads, "Made Just for You".



Firefighters worked closely with Eau Claire School District staff to select Locust Lane based upon its high percentage of children qualifying for support programs such as free and reduced meals. "A new coat allows families to stretch limited financial resources to other basic necessities like food and shelter," explained Dave Pekol, Eau Claire Firefighter, "our children and schools benefit from this program in more ways than one."

Thanks to generous support from Chippewa Valley Airport Service, Eau Claire Marathon, Hebert Dental, Kwik Trip, OakLeaf Clinics SC, Northwestern Bank, Wipfli and numerous individuals throughout the community, firefighters provided new coats for nearly 60 children.

Operation Warm has brought 20% of its manufacturing back to the USA – an effort that supports over 200 jobs. Coats distributed by firefighters were 100% American-made.

Since joining forces in 2012, Operation Warm and the International Association of Firefighters have served over 100,000 less-fortunate children in 40 states.

For More Information: [Firefighters for Operation Warm](#)

Toys for Tots – Eau Claire Fire Stations Drop-Off Sites

In conjunction with The Salvation Army, Eau Claire Fire and Rescue is once again happy to have its six fire stations serve as drop-off sites for the Toys for Tots holiday program. Donors can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the following fire station locations:



Station 2 – 216 S. Dewey Street
Station 5 – 2500 Patton Street
Station 6 – 3020 Golf Road
Station 8 – 3510 Starr Avenue
Station 9 – 3611 Campus Road
Station 10 – 559 N. Hastings Way



Please drop off your donation by Saturday, December 19.

Please contact Eau Claire Fire and Rescue Administration at (715) 839-5012 with any questions. **Merry Christmas!**

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Health

It's Turkey Time! Do You Know How to Safely Prepare Your Holiday Meal?

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and you know what that means--Turkey! Did you know that 1 in 6 people in the US will get sick this year from consuming unsafe food? The CDC estimates that each year 17,000 residents in Eau Claire County will become sick from consuming unsafe food. "Unsafe food handling and undercooking of your turkey can lead to serious foodborne illness," says Iris Lang, Environmental Health Specialist at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. Whether you have been cooking for years or this is your first time making a thanksgiving meal, be sure to follow these steps to prepare a delicious and safe turkey this year.



Clean your hands and food contact surfaces often.

- Wash your hands with warm soapy water for 20 seconds before and after handling food.
- Wash food contact surfaces such as countertops, cutting boards, and utensils between preparing each food item.



Separate raw meat from other foods that will not be cooked.

- Store all raw foods on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator so they don't drip and contaminate other food.
- Use separate cutting boards and utensils when handling raw meat.
- Protect your cooked food by putting it on clean plates and surfaces.

Thaw your turkey safely using one of these three methods:

Refrigeration Method:
4 to 12 pounds — 1 to 3 days
12 to 16 pounds — 3 to 4 days
16 to 20 pounds — 4 to 5 days
20 to 24 pounds — 5 to 6 days

Refrigeration Method: Plan ahead and allow approximately 24 hours for each 4 to 5 pounds of turkey when thawing in the refrigerator. Turkey thawed in the refrigerator can remain there for 1 to 2 days before cooking.

Cold Water Method:
4 to 12 pounds — 2 to 6 hours
12 to 16 pounds — 6 to 8 hours
16 to 20 pounds — 8 to 10 hours
20 to 24 pounds — 10 to 12 hours

Cold Water Method: Allow approximately 30 minutes per pound of turkey. Before starting, place the turkey in a leak-proof plastic bag. Submerge the turkey in cold (70 °F) tap water and change the water every 30 minutes until the turkey is thawed. Cook thawed turkey immediately when using this method.

Microwave method: Follow the microwave manufacturer's instructions when defrosting a turkey. A turkey thawed in the microwave must be cooked immediately.



Stuff your turkey safely.

- The safest way to prepare stuffing is by cooking the stuffing separately from the turkey. If you cook stuffing inside the turkey, place stuffing in the turkey just before cooking.
- Use a food thermometer to measure the temperature. Be sure the center of the stuffing reaches 165°F to ensure foodborne illness causing bacteria doesn't survive!



Cook your turkey to **165°F**.

- Set the oven to at least 325 °F. The following tables are good guides for turkey cook times.
- Use a food thermometer to check the innermost part of the thigh and wing, the thickest part of the breast, and the center of the stuffing. If all temperatures are 165 °F or above, your turkey is done!

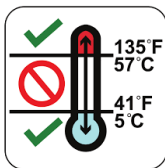
<u>Stuffed Turkey:</u>
8 to 12 lbs. — 3 to 3.5 hours
12 to 14 lbs. — 3.5 to 4 hours
14 to 18 lbs. — 4 to 4.25 hours
18 to 20 lbs. — 4.25 to 4.75 hours
20 to 24 lbs. — 4.75 to 5.25 hours

<u>Unstuffed Turkey:</u>
4 to 6 lb. breast — 1.5 to 2.25 hours
6 to 8 lb. breast — 2.25 to 3.25 hours
8 to 12 lbs. — 2.75 to 3 hours
12 to 14 lbs. — 3 to 3.75 hours
14 to 18 lbs. — 3.75 to 4.25 hours
18 to 20 lbs. — 4.25 to 4.5 hours
20 to 24 lbs. — 4.5 to 5 hours



Chill leftover food within 2 hours.

- Refrigerate or freeze leftovers in shallow containers to cool evenly.
- Maintain refrigerator temperature at 40°F and freezers at 0 °F.
- Leftover turkey, stuffing, and other thanksgiving foods stored in the refrigerator should be eaten within 3 to 4 days. Leftovers that are frozen are safe indefinitely.



Reheat leftovers to 165 °F.

- Use your food thermometer again to be sure leftovers reach 165 °F.
- To keep your food safe, keep it out of the temperature danger zone: 41 °F to 135 °F to stop the growth of bacteria.
- **Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold!**

For more helpful information about how to keep your thanksgiving dinner safe, check out these resources:

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/turkeytime/>

<http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/types/turkey/>

<http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/events/thanksgiving/>

Library



Letters to Santa Claus

Children ages 3 and up may drop a letter in Santa's special mailbox November 23-December 6 at Youth Services. Parents will need to provide the child's full name and mailing address. Children will receive responses December 15-21. (Sponsored by the Young Adult Advisory Board.)

Climate Change: Policy and Public Health Panel Discussion

Wednesday, December 2 • 6 p.m. • Eau Claire Room

Have questions about what is happening in local public health policy in Eau Claire as a response to climate change? Join us for a question and answer session with local public policy advocates. No registration required.

Presented in cooperation with "Climate Change Policy and Public Health," a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) hosted by U.W. – Madison.

For more information or to register for the MOOC, visit <https://moocs.wisc.edu>

Writers Read: How the Power of Dogs Touch Our Lives Forever

Tuesday, December 8 • 7 p.m. • Eau Claire Room

Readings by Dr. Katherine Schneider and B.J. Hollars. No registration required.

DIY Dabble: Gift Tags & Wrapping Paper

Wednesday, December 9 • 6 p.m. • Eau Claire Room

Crafting isn't just for kids! Adults are invited to try their hand at crafting with this simple project. All materials are provided free of charge. [Registration is required.](#)

What's It Worth? | Antique & Collectible Appraisal Event

Saturday, January 16 • 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

• Eau Claire Room

Guest appraiser is Mark Moran, former senior editor of Antiques and Collectibles Books for Krause Publications in Iola, Wisconsin.

Appraisals by reservation only.

Observers welcome! To schedule a 4-minute appointment, call 715-839-4834.



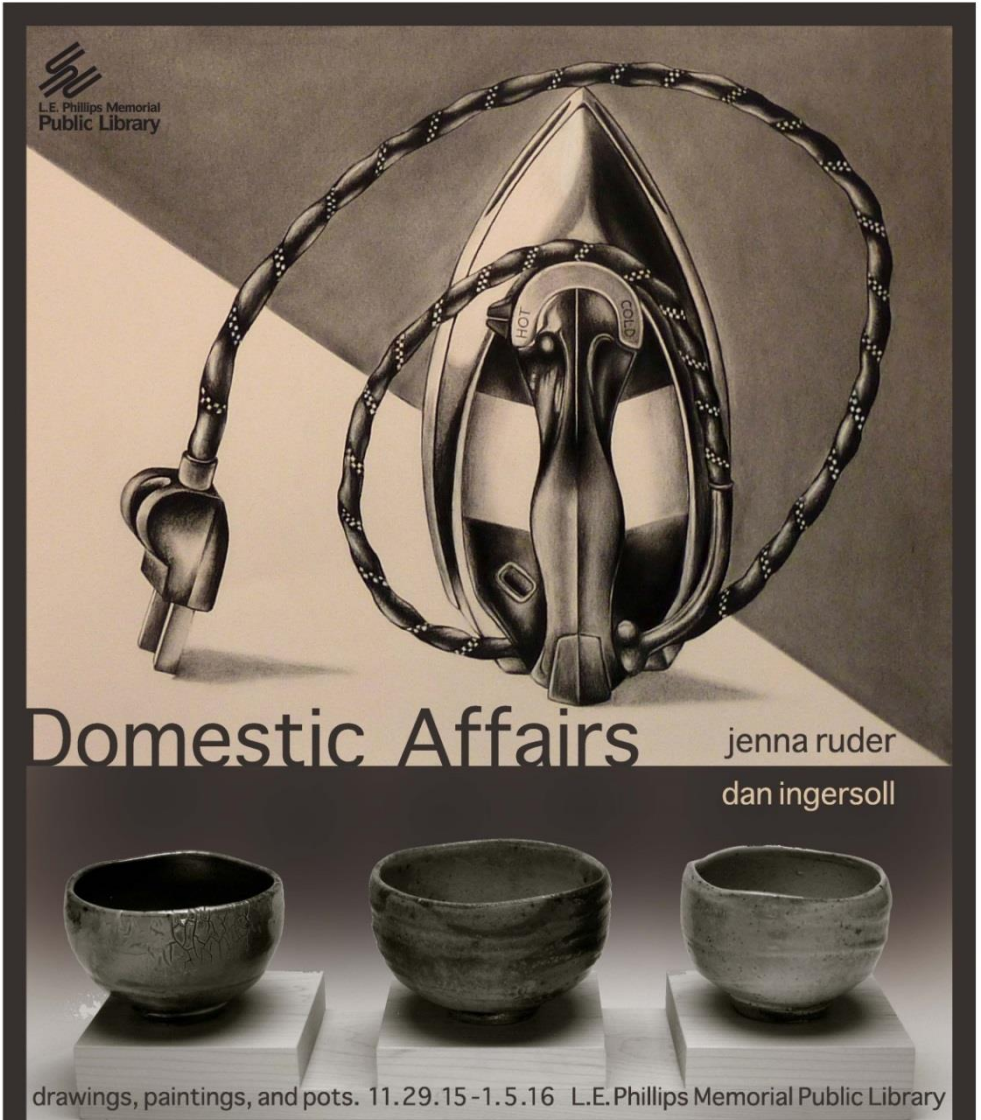
Domestic Affairs: Drawings, Paintings & Pots

Exhibit by Dan Ingersoll and Jenna Ruder

November 29 – January 9

Artist Reception: Wednesday, December 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.

“Domestic Affairs” draws its subjects from everyday life. Jenna Ruder’s treatment of common objects elevates them from their everyday space to a place deserving of special consideration, which encourages viewers to see them in a new light. Dan Ingersoll’s work plays in the world of functional useful objects that are to be enjoyed and appreciated in everyday rituals such as coffee or tea. The commonality between the two artists’ work lies in the domestic space and place in which their work plays.



The poster features a large, detailed illustration of a teapot with a braided cord, set against a dark background. Below the teapot, three small ceramic pots are displayed on white pedestals. The text 'Domestic Affairs' is prominently displayed in the center, with the artists' names 'jenna ruder' and 'dan ingersoll' to its right. At the bottom, the exhibition dates and location are provided, along with contact information for the library.

Domestic Affairs jenna ruder
dan ingersoll

drawings, paintings, and pots. 11.29.15 - 1.5.16 L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library

Reception with Artists: Wednesday, December 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.

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Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Holiday Sale on Fairfax Pool Passes

Get your 2016 Fairfax Pool Pass at the lowest price of the season! Purchase your pass from December 1 through January 31 for a 20 percent discount.

- Youth Resident...\$42 Youth Non-Resident...\$60
 - Adult Resident...\$52 Adult Non-Resident...\$70
 - Family of 3 Resident*...\$98 Family of 3 Non-Resident*...\$144
- *Add \$5 more for each additional family member

Volunteers Needed for Clearwater Winter Parade

The Eau Claire Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is seeking volunteers to assist with the Clearwater Winter Parade December 19. Volunteer registration and available tasks can be found [online](#).



Donations Needed for Recreation Scholarships

'Tis the season for giving. Each year, about 400 children are able to participate in Eau Claire Parks and Recreation programs, thanks to the City's youth scholarship program. The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting donations to assist with the upcoming year's scholarship requests. Based on financial need, a participant can have a portion of their registration fee subsidized through the scholarship program. To help or for more information, call 715-839-5032.

Parks and Recreation Department Collecting Milk Jugs

Don't toss out your old milk jugs. The Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department is collecting gallon-sized milk jugs. Please drop off your clean, dry milk jugs at the Hobbs Ice Center, 915 Menomonie Street. For more information, call 715-839-5032.

**MILK JUGS
WANTED**

Please drop off
CLEAN & DRY
gallon milk jugs
at Hobbs Ice
Center Lobby.

Thank you for your help!



Rock'n New Year's Family Skate December 31

It's not too early to start making New Year's Eve plans. Enjoy a fun evening with family and friends at the Rock'n New Year's Family Skate from 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, December 31, at the Hobbs Ice Center, 915 Menomonie Street.

Admission is \$3 and includes skate rental. The event features a disc jockey and video screen, a balloon drop with prizes, skating games, activity booths, hot chocolate and more. For more information, call Parks and Recreation staff at 715-839-5032.



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Kids N Cops

On November 12, Chief Staniszewski helped serve spaghetti alongside other local law enforcement leaders to raise money for [Kids N Cops](#). The Kids N Cops Shopping Day will take place at Target on Sunday, December 6. With money raised through various fundraisers, officers from across Eau Claire County will volunteer their time to partner with children in need to purchase warm clothes and a toy for the holidays. This is another way our officers are partnering with our community.

Who Wore It Better Competition

Leading up to the recent Green Bay Packers vs. Minnesota Vikings game, the Shakopee (MN) Police Department challenged the Eau Claire Police Department to a "Who Wore It Better Competition." Each police department submitted a photo of its respective Chief wearing the home team's popular headgear:

- Shakopee Police Chief Tate wearing Vikings Horns
- Eau Claire Police Chief Staniszewski wearing a Cheesehead

The rest was up to each department's imagination. The winner received the losing department's state food: lefse or cheese curds.

Both agencies marketed the challenge through social media and other avenues. The week-long online voting ended with the Eau Claire Police Department winning with 65% of the vote. Over 15,000 online votes were received, of which 10,000+ were for the Eau Claire Police Department. Lefse will be delivered to Eau Claire soon!

In 2014, the Eau Claire PD won the ConnectedCops Award for Excellence in Social Media. Shakopee PD was awarded the same honor in 2015.



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Public Works

New Rules for Alternate Side Parking this Winter

Calendar parking still exists in Eau Claire – it's just a little less restrictive. Gone is the alternate side parking enforced snow or shine from November through April. Now residents only need to move their cars to the appropriate side of the street between midnight and 5 p.m. if snow accumulation warrants a city-wide plowing operation. The Public Works Department will notify media and post [online](#) at least six hours prior to the start of plowing, at which time residents should adhere to the [New Alternate Side Parking Procedure](#).

Free Sand Available to Residents

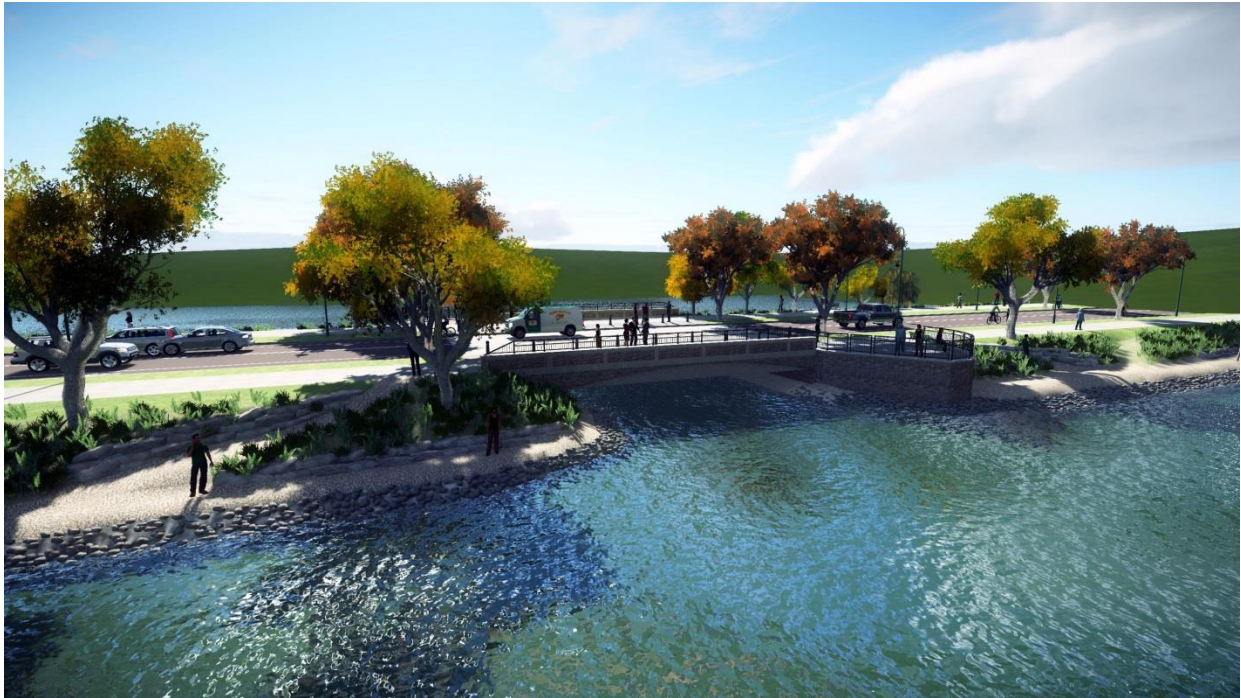
Residents are allowed up to 5 gallons of sand per day free, courtesy of the Public Works Department. The sand pile is located across from the Public Works facility located at 910 Forest Street. Residents should look for signage identifying the public sand pile before removing sand. For more information, contact Public Works staff at 715-839-4963.

Concrete to be Poured for New Parking Ramp Level

The first concrete pour for the recently-approved fourth floor of the North Barstow Parking Ramp is scheduled for next week. Provided the weather cooperates, the pour will form the ramps that will allow traffic to access the fourth floor.

Public Reviews Carson Park Causeway Designs

Engineering staff revealed the latest designs for the [Carson Park Causeway/Grand Avenue Bridge replacement project](#) during an open house November 23 in City Hall. The designs incorporated feedback from an initial open house earlier in the year. Residents are encouraged to continue providing [feedback](#) through the project's final design phase before construction begins in 2017.



Decorative Pavers Installed

After months of delay, the decorative pavers selected to serve as downtown crosswalks arrived and were installed last week. The pavers had been back-ordered since the summer because of national demand. The newly-paved crosswalks are located on South Barstow, Gibson and Eau Claire Streets.



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Eau Claire City Council



City Council Meeting Summary – November 24, 2015

The City Council

- Granted new bartender licenses; granted a Change of Agent for the Combination “Class A” Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license of Consumers Co-op Association of Eau Claire, d/b/a Mega Foods East; and granted a Change of Agent for the Class A Fermented Malt Beverage license of Cenergy LLC, d/b/a Mega Holiday #3707, 2943 Western Avenue.
- Granted the renewal of Secondhand Article Dealer licenses for the 2016 licensing year, the renewal of Secondhand Jewelry Dealer licenses for the 2016 licensing year, and the renewal of Pawnbroker licenses for the 2016 licensing year.
- Authorized the submission of an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for a Wildlife Damage Abatement Control Grant.
- Approved the bid and proposal for Procurement No. 2015-66, Purchase of Two Fire Trucks.
- Granted a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and a Temporary Class B Wine license to Chippewa VFW Post 1038 for the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport’s Hawthorne Hangar Dance event.
- Accepted a \$500,000 Community Development Investment Grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and approved a loan to Longform, LLC of up to \$75,000 for the Oxbow Hotel project.
- Granted a permanent encroachment to the property owner of Parcel No. 08-0089 (508 – 516 Galloway Street) for structural footings of a staircase on North Farwell Street.
- Approved the sale of Lot 13 in Skypark to Wilmax Properties, LLC, and approved an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for Lots 13, 14 and 15 in Skypark to Wilmax Properties, LLC and Gateway Industrial Park Corporation.
- Authorized a relocation order for permanent and temporary easements for the Melby Street reconstruction project for lands located in the City of Eau Claire and Village of Lake Hallie, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, for a public street project.
- Accepted the Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee Follow-Up Report with Committee Findings and Recommendations.
- Established the 2015 tax levies for taxes collectible in 2016 and set the tax roll for all governmental units within the City of Eau Claire.
- Levied tax rates for all taxable real and personal property in the 2015 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties.

- Had first readings of an Ordinance rezoning property at 4814 - 4940 Bullis Farm Road from C-3P to R-3P and adopting the General Development Plan; an Ordinance amending Chapter 16.16 of the City Code Ordinances entitled "On-Premise Signs" relating to signs attached to buildings; an Ordinance amending Chapter 10.38 entitled "Snow Event-Alternate Side Parking," and amending Table VIII entitled "Parking Prohibited," of the Code of Ordinances; and an Ordinance amending Chapter 10.20 entitled "Parking Meters and Lots," Table IX entitled "Parking During Specified Hours," and Table X entitled "Parking Meter Locations," of the Code of Ordinances.

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